It Cost 8900,000, and Andrew Johnson Assisted at Its Corner-stone Laying-Marvissa in St. Pani's Church Word Interrupted, and the Ladies of the Con-

gregation Carried out the Altar Cloths. BALTIMORE, Dec. 25.-Maryland's Masonic Temple is in ruins by fire, and only the walls remain standing. The fire started shortly after 12 o'clock to-day, and continued to burn throughout the afternoon. Nearly all the ds. Masonic emblems, furnishings, and relics that were in the building were burned.

Had the fire broken out two hours later there might have been a great loss of life. Forepaugh's Theatre was on the third floor of the temple, and there was to have been the usual Christmas matinée. These performances in this theatre are usually attended by women and children, who occupy almost every inch o space in the hall and gallery. As it was, only the stage hands were in the hall when Harry Likes, the stage carpenter, called attention to a tiny blaze over the flies in the sub-ceiling. By the time he reached the blaze the ceiling was all affame. The stage hands tried to extinguish the flames, and one of their number turned on an alarm. When the firemen arrived the stage was a mass of flame, and the fire was extending upward. A second and third alarm was rung, and then came a call for the entire department.

Baltimore firemen are brave and efficient. but the city has failed to provide them with suitable apparatus to fight a fire of this kind. The Mesonic Temple is six stories high and 200 feet deep. The fire was raging in the upper because of the lack of water towers. Only one Hayes truck was serviceable, and the streams

because of the lack of water towers. Only one Hayes truck was serviceable, and the streams from this were ineffective. The interior walls of the lodge rooms were so thick and the ficoring so deadened with timber that fire had plenty to feed upon, and hence it raged from hour to hour, the firemen being driven back by the intense heat.

Meanwhile Masons from every section of the city flocked to the scene, and many of them, forgetting self, turned in to save the records and other belongings. They climbed through the elevator shaft when cut off from the upper stairs, and hurled from the windows all they could selze into immense nots, which were held open below by brother Masons. In this way about one-fourth of the valuable property was saved. The actors hurried their outlits to the lower floors at the first alarm, and the Minnie Oscar Gray-Stevens combination lost only one set of acenery.

Bortly after the arrival of the Fire Department Charles S. Coal and John Kelly, firemen, had a narrow escape. The men were on the southwest corner of the front cornice fighting their way into the building, when the finness shot from the window. Capt. Dunn. chief of the chemical department, with the aid of others, placed two ladders in an upright position, and the men were rescued.

Dr. D. Pennington, President of the Lodge Relief Association, had a harrow escape while endeavoring to save some of the records of the order. He had climbed to the third floor, midway of the north side, where the rooms were, and had started back with an armful of books and papers. Becoming confused, he mistook the door to an antercom for the main exit. Picking up a large book, he knocked out the window of a small room and was climbing to the main exit when he fell, just as the roof crushed in. Philip Kell, Past Master, pulled him away before he was injured.

Adjoining the Temple is St. Fani's P. E. Church, the most fashionable of that denomination in the city. Services were in progress when the fire broke out, and the church was in danger of destructio

movable property. The big crowd made way for them as they passed to and from the church without hindrance.

Fortunately no one was seriously injured. Likes burned his hands when he first tried to extinguish the flames. The temple cest \$900.00.1 (was built in 1867, and Andrew Johnson, then President of the United States, assisted in laying the corner stone. Up to last year the Masons could never raise enough to pay off the indebtedness. Up to last November \$100,000 remained, and a big effort was made to liquidate this debt. A fair was beld which lasted a month, and the sum was obtained. This was to have been paid this menth and a clear title obtained. The building is insured for \$200,000, and it is believed it can be again erected for less than half its original cost. The greatest loss will fall on individual members, especially the Knights Templar, who lose their uniforms, swords, and medals, if the walls are sound and can be used again the net loss is estimated at \$300,000.

AN UNLAWFUL COMBINATION.

SPRINOVIELD, Ill., Dec. 25.-Cicero J. Lind-

Alloged Bing in Chicago to Control the

ley. President of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit dent of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, filed information with Attorney-General Hunt yesterday, advising him of the existence at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, of a new organization known as the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, with a membership of about 500 commission merchants and buyers of live stock, and assuming to fix the rates of commission for the sale of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, and to prolibit members of its organization from buying stock from any person doing business at the stock yards who is not a member of the Exchange. The organization has fixed minimum rates of commission for selling live stock. and under its rules affixes rigid cenaities prohibiting its members from buying live stock from any person doing business at the stock yards who does not comply with the rules of the Exchange in general. The decument continues: "I also found that the buyers including the Armour Packing Company. Nelson. Morris & Co.; Swift & Co. and all the other principal buyers at the Union Stock I ards, in obedience to the order-sand bylaws of the Exchange, had refused, and were retusing, to buy any stock from the representatives of the American Live Stock Company. I found a number of instances which had occurred within the past few days where stock producers, some residents of this State, had shipped castle to this American Live Stock Commission Company to sell for them, and the buyers above named and all others who were members of the Exchange, while making no objection to the cattle or to the persons engaged by the Live Stock Company, refused to buy the cattle unless they were turned over to some member of the Exchange, and then these same buyers purchased the cattle from members of the Exchange.

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"I am satisfied that a conspiracy and unlawful combination sxists between the members of the Exchange, who claim the right and exercise the supposed power under their charter to fix the States of commissions, and to compel their nayments. I found that the buyers and sellers—that is, the sellers of other leople's cattle—are members of the same combination and organization, and are refusing to deal with others who are not members of the same combination and organization, and are refusing to deal with others who are not members of the same combination and organization. In the of a conspiracy on the part of the buyers and sellers to control these matters, and that to the great det son doing business at the stock yards who is not a member of the Exchange. The organi-

The informants declare their willingness to make affidavit to the facts set forth.

HELD HIM AS LONG AS SHE COULD.

A Jeweller's Wife's Hold on a Thief Who Broke a Plate-glass Window.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.-In West Philadelphia, last night, Frank Harris, a notorious hief, under the glare of the electric light and before the gaze of hundreds of pedestrians passing by, attempted to rob the lewelry store of Edward Moore at 4.073 Harverford avenue Shortly after 6 o'clock Mrs. Moore, who was behind the counter, heard a crash of glass. She saw that it was the store window and that a burgiar had his hand through the window taking the goods on display. Mrs. Moore seized the burgiar by the wrist and shouted loudly for her his band. Mr. Moore hearing the noise, followed his sen William to the assistance of his wife still neld on to the burgiar, but before her husband could not outly for her his when the street with his booty, closely followed by Mr. Moore and his son.

They caught up with the thief at Budd street, which is about a square distant. When Harris saw that he was about to be cautured he turned upon young Moore and fired, the builet passing close to his head. Edward Moore then seized the burgiar, who fired again. This time the shot took effect in young Moore's arm.

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HIGHWAYS OF COMMERCE. How the Money Goes for Some River and Harbor Improvements.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-An interesting paper compiled by the War Department sets forth in detail the expenditures that were made on rivers and harbors during the last fiscal year. Properly studied, it should give Congressmen a great deal of geographical information. For that year, it may be remembered, the Fiftieth Congress had passed no river and appropriation carried by the last previous

measure of that sort. This omission was bliterly attacked at the time as ruinous neglect; but it now appears that Secretary Proctor, on counting up his river and harbor balances, found that after all he had \$16,527,850.76 on hand on the 1st of July 1889, so that he managed to souseze along through the year without a new bill. In fact he had more: for Congress in the twelve months prior to July 1, 1890, passed special bills, chiefly for the Mississippi and for operating canals and other works of navigation amounting to \$1.110.449.26, and there was in one way and another really available \$17.642. 090.02. Of this sum there was actually expended during the twelve months \$11.762. This was not bad for an off year. With these available balances Secretary

Proctor was able to lay out \$5,000 for the Manatee and a like sum for the Waccamaw \$7,000 for the Narraguagus, \$4,800 for the Bellamy, \$9,500 for the Maurice, \$14,500 for the St. Jones, \$6,500 for the Caloosahatchie, \$1,010 for the Lumber. \$12,000 for the Trinity, \$6,022 for the Broadkiln, and \$5,000 for the Nansemond. Then \$3,028 was expended for the Waterce which was once officially described as largely

the Broadkiln, and \$5,000 for the Mansemond. Then \$3,028 was expended for the Waterce, which was once officially described as largely "a network of logs," and accordingly classed by Congressman McAdoo among lumber yards. The Choctawhatchee, described by one of Mr. Proctor's predecessors as having probably a local trade of 1,500 to 2,000 bales of cotton, had \$1,508 laid out on it. For the Choptank, the trade of which, according to a former report. was "carried on by three schooners, the aggregate tonnage being 279." with "two other schooners of 100 tons each chartered during the busy season." \$3,017 out of a balance of \$7,000 was expended.

On Fairlee Creek \$2,000 was laid out; on Mantus Creek \$2,900; on Corsice Creek, \$5,000; on Contentnea Creek, \$1,000; on Broad Creek, \$1,500; but the tiems of \$4,550 for Woodbury Creek \$2344 for Frankford Creek, and \$3,418 for St. Augustine's Creek have been carried to the account of the surplus fund.

A payment of \$112 was made to Romley Marsh during the year and one of \$9,500 to the Oconee in the same State, the latter with the object of furnishing "an outlet for the commerce of Dublin and vicinity." The sum of \$1,000 was laid out on the Hiawasee for the purpose, according to an official report, of obtaining," a channel two feet deep and forty feet wide," chiefly for grain and farm products. The sum of \$2,000 was devoted to the French Broad, although a former report noted that the commerce of the region did not justify its improvement. There the ambitious project was to secure a depth of two feet and a width of thirty, at low water. On the Caeney Fork the sum of \$1,500 was expended, and on the Tradewater \$2,015, so as to enable rafts and boats to go down without being "caught by overhanging trees."

An interesting portion of these statistics treats of the balance still on hand on the Tradewater, in one of \$2,000 was expended, and on the Tradewater stop the balance still on hand on the 30th of June last. It amounted to \$5,544,002,000 for the Reacon, and items of various magni

FROM THE COUNTRIES SOUTH OF US. Brezilian Immigration Scheme-New York

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-The Bureau of American Republicans has received information of an organization of a curious corporation in Brazil under the name of the "Companhia Nova Era Rural Do Brazil," with a capital of \$25,000,000, a large part of which has been fur-

nished by bankers and merchants of Europe and the remainder by local investors. The object of this corporation is to establish twenty agricultural settlements upon the public lands of Brazil, which are given free of cost by the Government to aid the enterprise; to construct lines of railway for placing these settlements in communication with each other and their markets; to carry out other engineering works. mining operations, and the manufacture of sugar, bricks, tiles, lime, and other articles for

export, as well as for local consumption. This company proposes to select 5,000 families in Europe, consisting of skilled agriculturists and mechanics, and transport them free of cost to Brazil, where houses will be prepared for their occupancy, and tools and implements furnished for their use. These colonists will be divided into villages and scatonists will be divided into vinages and scat-tered over the estate as the nucleus for other immigrants, which will be brought there later. The Federal and several State Governments of Brazil have offered a guarantee of 5 per cent. Interest on one-third of the capital invested in

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A despatch from Havana to the Bureau of American Republies reports that a syndicate of New York capitalists has within the last few days purchased for \$600,000 gold the sugar plantation and factory known as San Ramon, one of the largest in Cuba, and is making arrangements to construct lines of transportation throughout the estate in order to increase the cultivated area and reduce the cost of production. The plantation airrady produces 50,000 hags of sugar annually, and it is the intention to produce from 90,000 of 100,000 bags next year. The same despatch also reports that another New York syndicates are in the country prospecting for similar purposes.

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The Bureau of American Republis has received reports of an expedition that was received reports of the Argentine Government up the Farana River to explore what is known as the Gran Chaso, a tract of country in the northern part of the Argentine Republic that is as absolutely unknown as the interior of Africa. This expedition has returned, having travelled some 4,000 miles, and reports that the Gran Chaco, which has been supposed to be a sort of swamp, is, on the centrary, a land of much promise, the climate being mild and healthy and the soil rich and dry. Maize, corn, and sugar cane there attain enormous size, and there is much valuable timber.

A despatch received by the Rursan of American Republics reports that a syndicate of capitalists is preparing to run a line of tunk steamers for the transportation of sugar between Cuban borts and those of the United States, a scheme by which the packing of sugar and molasses in hogsheads will be avoided a

SEATTLE AROUSED.

Her People Bave a Little Quarrel with the Northern Pacific.

SEATTLE, Dec. 25 .- A serious conflict is pending between the city of Seattle and the North-Pacific, and in order to prevent violence and bloodshed the Court refused to enjoin the city authorities from tearing up the railroad tracks. The Northern Pacific claims the right of way over certain streets. It was enjoined by the city in October, but on Monday Seattle's Corporation Counsel signed a stipulation dis solving the injunction. On Monday night the

solving the injunction. On Monday night the railroad company put a force of men at work and laid the track across the disputed street, defici the police and Mayor, and refused to stop work.

On Tuesday the City Street Commissioner, with a force of men and the assistance of indignant citizens, tore up the track and great excitement prevailed. The Northern Parille systemay asked for an injunction from the Superior Court to prevent the city from tearing up the track. The Court refused the injunction giving as the principal reason a desire to prevent volence and bloodshed which would follow if the railroad company attempted to lay the track on these streets.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

Elaborate Musical Services at St. Thomas and the Cathedral.

In addition to the regular worshippers at St. Patrick's Cathedral there are always many strangers in the congregation on Church holidays. At the solemn Pontifical mass at 11 o'clock yesterday morning every seat in the big church was taken. The sanctuary was decorated with palms and two large stars on either side. Archbishop Corrigan was assisted by Father William Daly, assistant priest, the Rev. J. H. McMahon, and the Rev. James N. Connolly, Deans of the Throne, and two sem inarians from Troy. The services were followed by a Christmas sermon, delivered by the Rev. Francis Ryan of Washington. The music at this service included Lachner's prelude for orchestra and organ, Haydn's Mass No. 6,

at this service included Lachner's prelude for orchestra and organ, Haydn's Mass No. 6, offertory, Adeste Fideles, and Svendsen's postlude for orchestra and organ. Wm. F. Pecher, the organist, was assisted by W. G. Districh. The soloists were; Soprano, Miss K. Hilke; contraito, Miss S. C. Hall; tenor, Mr. Charles Kaiser; basso, Mr. Charles Steinbuch. At the carly morning service the choir was assisted by Diller's horn quintet, and the chancel choir was under the direction of the Rev. Father Kellner.

There were two services at St. Thomas's, one at 7% and the other at 11 o'clock. Nearly 300 persons received the communion at the early service, which also irc'uded the Kyrie. Collect, Gloria Tibli, Gospel and Creed. Gounod's Nativity Hymn "Bethlehem" was sung by the choir. Nearly all the pews were filled at the 11 o'clock service. The music ocened with the processional hymn "Hosanna to King David's Son," sung by the full choir of forty-seven voices, and accompanied by the organs and chimes. The To Deum and Jubilate Deo, the Kyrie Eleison, and Goria Tibl precoded the Rev. Dr. Brown's rermon, after which George William Warren's ascription. Glory to God in the Highest, "was sung. It was followed by a Christmas hymn, and a carol before the communion. After communion the Sanotus," Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Gloria in Excelsia, and the recessional carol. "On the Birthday of the Lord," were sung, closing the service, which lasted nearly three hours. The solos were by Mms, Marie Gramm (soprano), Miss Emily Winant (contrait), Mr. Clinton Elder (tenor), and William Barplat, and W. C. Macfariane assistant to organist George William Warren. The Christmas programme of music will be repeated next Sunday.

The usual Christmas services were held at Trinity Church. Dr. Morgan Dix delivered the sermon, and the choir rang an offeriory by Sullivan. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and callas.

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SIMPLY WISHED TO CRIPPLE HIM.

Luin Didn't Mean to Kill George, but Only to Destroy His Powers of Locomotton. Lulu Champ was locked up in the East 126th Street Police Station at noon yesterday for attempting to shoot George Washington Christ. Lulu is a very tall and rather good looking colored girl, and is 23 years old. Christ is 25 years old, and is employed at 2,034 Fifth avenue as conchman for ex-Judge Truax. Lulu says that while she was working as a servant in Cleveland she met George Christ. After he had courted her nearly a year she learned that he had a wife in Indiana. He said
he intended to get a divorce and continue his
attention. He was in a hospital for several
weeks, and Lulu says she lent him money and
nursed him through his illness. When he
learned she was in trouble he fied to New York.
Lulu pawned all he valuables and followed
him. She went to his employer's residence on
Sunday, but he kept out of her way until yesterday, when she found him at work in the
stable. He jumped to the box of the carriage
and drove racidly away.

Later in the day they met again in front of
the house and the girl fired two shots at the
coachman. He fell off the box in his
haste to escape, a crowd gathered and Policeman Brennan came slong and arrested Luiu.
She said she did not wish to kill George, but
thought she'd like to shoot him in the leg so he
would have some trouble in Funning away
from her. She said she had pawned a pair of
shoss on Wednesday night to get money with
which to buy the pistol. She says that at one
time she was a church member and belonged
to several societies and was turned out of
all of them on account of her relations with
George.

WOUNDED BY A HAIRPIN.

The Old Woman's Death, However, At-

tributed to Her Heavy Fall. A gray haired woman of 60 years, with a tattered red shawl wrapped around her shoulders, met Policeman Burns on Eleventh avenue. noon, and asked how far it was to the Grand Central Depot. She had been drinking. Burns showed her the way and watched her as she walked down the avenue. As she crossed Fifty-fourth street she fell backward at thecurb. Before he could reach her another woman passing stopped and lifted up her head. There was a cut at the back of the head, from which the blood was flowing freely, where a hairpin had been driven into the scalp. The woman had nulled out the hairpin when Burns reached the spot. He carried the woman into a doorway, but she died just as the ambulance from Roosevelt Hospital came up.

It was supposed that the pin had been driven through her skull and into her brain, but Dr. Blair, the ambulance surgeon did not think so. The woman's face showed that she had led a hard life and was a physical wreck. Concussion of the brain or a fractured skull the doctor thought might be the real cause of death. The skull at the point where the wound is is very thick and Dr. Blair says that the pin was probably simply driven in under the scalp. The autopsy to-day will determine the exact cause of death. a cut at the back of the head. from which the

Accused of Assaulting a Colored Servant, John Hobbins, 24 years old, a driver for Dobb's Express Company in Brookiyn, was arrested yesterday morning for an alleged assault upon Cora Vaughan, a 17-year-old colored servant in the family of John Hegeman, a man and his family were out shopping on Wednesday night and Hobbins drove up to the Wednesday night and Hobbins drove up to the house in their absence to deliver some parcels. He was admitted to the basement by the colored girl, who says he assaulted her when he found she was alone in the house. She made so desperate a resistance that her assailant drew a knife and threatened to kill her. In her stringgle to free herself from his grasp the girl received a severe gash on the right wrist. Her sereams finally attracted a young man who was sweeping an adjoining sidewalk and Hobbins fled. When Mr. Hegeman returned he reported the assault to the police. Soon after midnight beteetive Sergeant Ruche arrosted Hobbins in the stable of the express company in Nassau street. Hobbins will be arraigned in the Adams Street Police Court to-day.

Tarried Long at the Wine Alexander Kunther, a fur worker who hires furnished room from Charles Wagner at 297 Elizabeth street. wound up his celebration of Christmas by taking a ride in an ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital. About 9 o'clock last to St. Vincent's Hospital. About 9 o'clock last night he went staggering into Wagner's house with blood flowing all over him, with his head for the fountain. Kunther was too confused, with rum and other troubles, to tell just where and how he had got his hurts. One story he told was that he was hit in a salcon with a beer glass, another that a bartender stabbed him, and still another that a we man assaulted him. His home is between Houston street and Bleecker street. The police found a trail of blood leading clear back to Bleecker street, but there it was lost. At the hospital they say he may not get over his hurts.

Got a Child Drunk for Christmas Fun. Charley McGowan, a schoolboy of 11 years. celebrated his Christmas yesterday by getting very drunk and making a spectacle of himself on Ninth avenue. Policeman Fox of the Fortyon Ninth avenue. Policeman Fox of the Fortyseventh street station found him at the corner
of Sixtieth street at \$ o'clock, surrounded by a
crowd of children. Fox learned that whiskey
had been given to the boy by a few men who
wanted to see the effect upon him. He was
turned over to an agent of Mr. Gerry's society,
who will try to arrost the men. The boy's
parents are respectable, and live at 364 West
Fiftieth street.

Lege Broken on the Slavonia.

The steamship Slavonia, Capt. Fr. Reuter which left Hamburg on Dec. 7, and arrived at this port on Saturday night, had a succession of strong westerly gales and high seas all the of strong westerly gales and night seas all the way across the Atlantic. On the fourteenth day out, Lazor Apkewitch, 45 years old, a steerage passenger, fell and broke his right thigh. Four days ago Veivel Lilvizoweky, a Russian Polish child, 4 years old, was thrown out of its terth. Its left thigh was fractured. On the Slavonia's last outwird passage an old man was thrown down by a lurch of the ship, and his thigh was broken.

Threw Himself in Front of a Train. BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 25.-Patrick Glackin. French Canadian. 39 years old, who lost his wife a year ago, and suffered with a lame arm, committed suicide this morning at the depot by throwing himself in front of an express train. On a paper is his pecket was writen alt alone in this world, with three small children. Married 1860.

SURROUNDED BY INDIANS.

CAPALRY MAKING FORCED MARCHES TO RESCUE THE TROOPS.

Many Indiana Who Were Travelling to the Bad Lands Surrender, and are Disarmed -Sitting Bull's Men Airaid to Go Home. DICKINSON, N. D., Dec. 25,-Major Carroll made a forced march on Tuesday night of sixty-five miles in fourteen hours, with fiftyfive cavalry, up the Cannon Ball, arriving at New England City at 8 A. M., complying with orders from Fort Yates, by courier, to the effeet that Capt. Fountain of the Eighth Cavalry was surrounded in Cave Hills by 500 Indians.

Two hours' rest was taken at New England City, and Major Carroll continued the forced march southwest in the direction of Cave Hills. fifty miles distant. His force got to Capt. Fountain's assistance this morning. Aid may have come in from the South, and if not the surrounded forces are thought to be able to hold off the Indians till assistance arrives. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 25 .- Capt. Norville, special agent, has just returned from Fort Bennett and reports the Indian troubles there over. It seems now that the Indiana there were more sented than anybody else. They have been afraid that they would be massacred, or they would have come in before. After the Indians arrived at Bennett several

councils of war were held, to determine whether

After the Indians arrived at Bennett several councils of war were held, to determine whether they would give up their arms or not. Finally they agreed to when Gen. Miles asked them to. Acent Palmer told them that "if they kept their arms they could have no rations or blanketa." This soon brought them to time, and all arms are now stacked up at the agency.

Capt. Hearst, commanding officer at Fort Sully, has received the capitulation of 174 Uncapapas, including seventy of Sitting Bull's band and fifty from Hosebud Agency. Narcisse Narielle, bess farmer, brought in 412 of Big Foot's Indians, Out of these ninety-eight stands of arms were collected. They were nearly all Winchesters of every description and of very antiquented pattern.

Sitting Bull's men want to romain at Cheyenne and say they are alraid to return to spanding Rock. All have surrendered and the less of care is being given them. All of the teams of the agency have been started to Dupre's to bring hin the sick women and children. Many of the leaders among the Indians acted very ugly in making flum! settlements, and there was a great deal of quarrelling among themselves.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—According to reports received at the Mounted Police Department, Commissioner Herchmer three weeks ago issued orders to the border patrols to disarm all United States Indians coming into Canadian territory and collect duties on their ponies or else turn the Indians back. Those instructions were faithfully carried out, with the result that everything is quiet on all the Canadian reserves.

Cave Hills, where Capt. Fountain's men are reported to be surrounded by Indians, is not lar from the northwestern corner of South Dakota. They are in the territory that was opened for white settlement in February last. Fort Bennett, where quit a large number of Indians have just surrendered, is on the Missouri River, a little south of the Cheyenne, at one of the openings into the country which whites settlers are now occupying. These Indians who have given themselves up are no part of the hostiles who are in the Bad Lands. Most of them, however, were until the soldiers met them, making the best of their way southward across the Chevenne reservation to the Bad Lands. Gen, Miles now has troops on all sides of the Bad Lands, and is succeeding well in his efforts to keep recruits from joining the hostiles who are in that region.

AN APPEAL FOR THE INDIAN.

The Rev. Mr. Berg Would Make Him Citizen and Give Him the Ballot.

The Rev. H. C. Berg, pastor of the Bedford Reformed Church, Ormond place and Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, invited those who were interested in the Indian problem to meet at his church yesterday morning for an hour's conference on the subject. Only a few persons The Rev. Mr. Berg made a long address. The

contrast, he said, of a nation of more than 60,000,000 people in conflict with a mere handful of Indians should not be possible. A military organization in Brooklyn had formally petitioned the Government for permission to go and fight the Indians. Would it not be more reasonable to expect that men would volunteer to help the weaker side? The national Indian policy was an inheritance from the colonial times, and was founded in fraud and built up in hypocrisy, and throughout it had been a conspleuous failure. It had failed to pacificate the Indians, had caused the sacrifice of thousands of noble lives, had wasted millions of money, and had imperilled the utmost endeavors of Christian philanthropy in behalf of the Indians, hesides aggravating every difficulty of dealing with an unevillad people. The question of how a Christian nation should treat its wards must be agitated until the statesmen of the country settled it on a basis of truth and Would it not be more reasonable to exmust be aritated until the statesmen of the country settled it on a basis of truth and righteousness. First of all, said Mr. Berg, the tribal relations should be broken up and the Indians dealt with as individuals. No distinction should be made between the Indian and other people; chools should be established and main sined liberally, and the ballot should be given the Indian as soon as he is ready for it. Then the Indian would have fair chance to work out his own salvation.

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WEST VIRGINIA'S GREAT WEALTH. Thousands of Acres of Coal and Mineral

Lands Bought by Syndicates. Pankersburg, W. Va., Dec. 25.—Morgan, Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia. who represent the Vanderbilt interests have purchased 50. 000 acres of coal and coke lands in Enleigh county, and have surveyed a line of railroad through from the main stems of the B. and O. and C. and O. railroads. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad has also bought large tracts of mineral and lumber lands, and are laying down new railroads. The Baltimore and Ohio liaitroad people have purchased 75,000 acres of mineral and timber lands from ex-Senator
J. N. Camden of this city. The syndicate, representing Senator Gorman of Maryland. Secretary of State James G. Blaine, ex-Senator Henry G. Davis. Stephen Elkins, and others, have purchased within the past few weeks a number of tracts of timber and mineral lands, ranging in extent from 10.000 to 20.000 acres in each tract. Italicads are being laid off or prospected through all these lands.

Besides all this, engineers have lately traced the Pocahoutasooke field from the head of Guyan River across Indian Mountain to the Otter and Barker forks of Guyan, through Wyoming, across Raleigh county, following the Pensy valley through Payotte county to the New River coal country.

Aross and through this entire stretch there is an average of four veins of coal, both bituminous and cannol, In a few places they dip below water level, but as a general thing the veins outcrop along the mountain sides. of mineral and timber lands from ex-Senator

the veins outerop along the mountain sides. Two Students Drowned at Ann Arbor. ANN ARBOR. Mich., Dec. 25.-The drowning of two students made this a gloomy Christmas for the students who remained at college during the holidays. Last night about 7 o'clock Frank E. Dickenson and Minnie Brun-dage left for the mill pend to skate, telling their friends they would return about 10 o'clock. They did not return, however, and as time passed by Mrs. Brundage grew worried, and finally at 30 clock this morning started a search party. The searchers found a hole in the ice and a mull lying near by. They com-menced dragging, and at 30 clock this atter-noon found the hodies. Both victims are med-ical students, Mr. Dickenson being from Du-buque, Ia., and Miss Brundage from Long Island. o'clock Frank E. Dickenson and Minnie Brun-

Confessed to Stealing 7,000 Envelopes, HARTPORD, Dec. 25 .- E. E. Fay of this city has onfessed the theft of 7,000 stamped envelopes from the United States Envelope Works here. The theft was committed two years ago, when Fay was night watchman in the building, but it was not found out at that time. Two or it was not found out at that time. Two or three days ago Superintendent Chapman of the envelope works found that envelopes were being sold in this city at the face value of the stamps. The matter was investigated, and resulted in proving Fay to be the guilty party. He confessed when confronted with the evidence. The case has been left in the hands of United States District Attorney Sill, but 1 othing definite has been done with Fay as yet. Three thousand of the envelopes stolen have been found and redeemed.

The Missing Archduk ..

OTTAWA. Dec. 25.—The Minister of Marine has received a despatch from the Colonial Secretary transmitting a request from the Austro Hungary Government for information respect Ing the fate of Archduke Johann of Austria, allas Capt. John Orth, who left Montevideo in February last in command of a vessel called the Fan Margaret, bound for Valnanico, Chili, and who has not been heard of a neo. The Austrian Government entertain no hopes of the salety of the vessel, but they are nevertheless, anxious to learn what has become of the Captain and crew. THE STANDARD COCOA OF THE WORLD.

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PERE JACQUES MONSABRE

The Einquent Dominican Who, it is Said. The End of His Life Imprisonment For Will be Made a Cardinal. Killing His Wife Comes Soon.

A despatch from Paris says, on the authority of the Gaulois of that city, that at the next con sistory the Pope will create Père Jacques Monsabre a cardinal. Père Monsabre is now in Rome, where he has been delivering a course of Advent sermons in the Church of Sant Andrea della Valle.

He was born in 1827, and began his ministry as a secular priest in the diocese of Bloise. In 1855 the determined to become a Dominican friar, and entered the novitiate at Chalais. Of this act he has said: "I became a Dominican to seek perfection and to make sure of my salstion. I am not aware that I had any talent

to seek perfection and to make sure of my salvation. I am not aware that I had any talent as a preacher when I was a simple receive at Vendome, I owe all the eloquence I possess to St. Thomas, to our illustrious order, and to Father Lacordaire." After finishing his novitiate pe adid missionary duty in various parts of France, and his fame as an eloquent preacher soon attracted public notice. He went to England, and delivered a course of Lentensermons in the French Church of the Annunciation. In 1870, after the defection of Père Hyacinthe, who had been the Lenten preacher in the Cathedral of Notro Dame, Archbishop Darbay selected Père Monsabre to fill that famous pulpit. The breaking out of hostilities between France and Germany interrupted his conferences, but did not stop his preaching, and in 1871 his sermons at Metz created such a sit that the French citizens carried him in triumph through the streets, For this he was compelled to some of his Lenten sermons says: "It is not only that the words of Père Monsabre, as they foil from his lips, are listened to by thurch-going Catholics; in their pamphlet form they quickly circulate through Parls, and are discussed in various classes of society. Pere Monsabre is a power. Steeped in the love of schoolmen, the essence of his teaching is drawn from St. Thomas Aquinos, but his ideas are conveyed in so attractive and so modern a form that his hearers know they are listening not only to a well-versed theologian but to one who is in the van of modern thought. This accounts for the number of men of letters and of science who each year take their places around his pulpit."

At the close of last year's Lenten conferences Pere Monsabre restred from the pulpit of Notro Dame, which he had filled almost uninterruptedly since his first appointment in 1870.

Little Dennis Ryan's Christmas.

Twelve-year-old Dennis Ryan's Christma Day would probably have been rather dismal had he not been cared for by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Dennis has been living with his grandmother, Mrs Kate Ryan, at 1,302 Second avenue. On Christmas eve, he says, she told him in very strong language to get out of the house and not to how his face there again. Dennis went to the show his face there again. Dennis went to the East Sixty-seventh street police station and related his sorrows to Capt. Gunner, who had a policeman take him to the society's home. Testerday Dennis was one in a party of more than a dozen little waifs who sat down to a hearty turkey dinner and enjoyed the riches of a well-stocked Christmas tree. Last October the society found his father and mother drunk and their children nearly starved and half clad. The father is now serving three months on the Island. Two of the children were sent to the Catholic Piotectory. Dennis didn't want to go to the protectory then and ran away, but he has found that it is hard for a little boy to make a living and he is now quite willing to be sent to an institution, and will doubtiess join his brothers in the protectory.

Buncoed Their Departing Countryman. Nicolo Runo, an Italian, was buncoed in Brooklyp on Wednesday just before his departure for Europe in the steamer Alesia by three of his fellow-countrymen. He arrived from proceeded with his baggage to the steamer. which was lying at the foot of Joralemon street. Finding that the vessel would not leave for a couple of hours he strolled ashor. leave for a couple of hours he strolled ashor-and in Flurman street was joined by another Italian, who told him that he was a passenger on the same steamer, and invited him to have a drink. In the saloon which they visited two other Italians introduced themselves, and be-fore the party broke up Runo surrendered \$40 in gold to the man who was to be his fellow passenger for a worthless bill of exchange. Soon after reaching the vessel Runo discov-ered that he had been swindled, and before he salled he gave a description of the three strangers to the police.

Brooklyn Republican Pactions Arranging

The work of harmonizing the warring fac tions of the Republican organization in Brooklyn, which began after the recent primaries. still goes on, and there is a prospect of at least a truce. All efforts are now directed to a peace ful organization of the new General Committee, which will be called together on the second tee. Which will be called together on the second Tuesday in January. A conference of some of the leading statesmen will be held to-night at the house of ex-Fark Commissioner Elliah R. Kennedy, in Ninh avenue, to consider the situation and formulate a harmony programma. Among the participants will be Revenue Collector Ernest Nathan, United States District Attorney Jesse Johnson, Fort Warden W. H. Leaveraft and David A. Baldwin. The indications are that George B. Forcester will be elected Chairman of the new committee.

The Arrest Explained.

William Renicks, a saloon keeper at 38 Sheriff street, was a prisoner at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday charged with selling beer to a minor. Policeman Weiser of the Deancey street station made the charge.

Renicka said: "Your Honor, I have known this policeman for four years. He was in my place last night, and I had been talking to him place last night, and I had been talking to him for twenty minutes when a little girl who lives in the house came in for a pint of lager. I told her I couldn't sell it. Then Weiser, who was in citizen's dress, told me to give her what she wanted. He repeated this, saying the second time 'I'm an officer; it's all right.' I gave her the beer, and as seen as she left this policeman ordered me to go with him. Outside the place he told me that he had arrested me because he had a grudge against my brother, who is in partnership with me."

You may go home," said the Justice.

In Honor of Stepniak.

On New Year's eve the Russian-American National League of this city will hold it fourth annual festival, which is to take the form of an entertainment and ball in honor of the disentertainment and ball in honor of the dis-tinguished Russian liberal writer. Sergius Steiniak, who wil be present. This will be the first app arance of Steiniak in his Ameri-can tour. The liu-sian-American Leacue is not a Nihilist organization, though it is liberal and democratic. Its membership includes many of the best known hussians in this city, including men who have played a part in the modern history of Russia.

William Loggett Severely Injured.

William Leggett. connected with the firm of Leggett Brothers, booksellers at 81 Chambers street. New York, was alighting from a New Haven train in Mt. Vernon at 9 o'clock Wednesday night to go to his home on Fifth avenue in that village, when the train started suddenly and throw him to the ground. The wheels ran over one of his feet, crushing it at the Inster. Mr. Jeggett was driven to his home, where he was attended by Dr. Banning.

Took in Early Mass on His Way Home. Young James Quinlan went to an cast side ball on Christmas eve, got gloriously drunk and dropped into the Carmelite Fathers Church on his way home in the early morning Mass was being celebrated and the church was all of. Cu nian broke up the service with p of fanc about, and when Pelic man Millauser was called in Ounien fought the office, filling the building with his curses. He was taken to the Yorkville Police Court and fined \$10. HENRY BUITON DEAD.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 25,-News has been received here of the death of Henry T. Button the Otsego county wife murderer, who was serving a life sentence at the Auburn State prison. He dropped dead of heart failure in the prison kitchen. He was nearly 60 years old, and his relatives have claimed his body

for burial. In his younger days Button was a noted stage coach driver on the important Chenango valley stage line between Binghamton and valley stage line between Binghamton and Utica. Later he became a farmer at Plainfield, where the crime for which he was imprisoned was committed in September, 1887. The victim, Mrs. Lettia flution, was his fourth wile, and was much younger than he, it was alleged at the trial that he was intensely realous of his young wile, and that in a fit of passion he choked her to death. There was no witness of the deed, and he was convicted on circumstantial evidence. He always asserted his innocence, and had hopes of pardon. In fact, his counsel and friends had already begun circulating a petition to Gov. Hill for clemency in his case.

AN ICE PALACE IN NEWARK.

Built of Artificial Ice of Remarkable

The Krueger Hygione Ice Company built a little ice palace alongside its freezing plant at Railroad avenue and Murray street. Newark, last week, and finished it vesterday. Architect the works built it. Colored electric lights were put in and the crystalline building was illuminated last night. It is not as pretentious as a Montreal or St. Paul palace, but it has the advantage of translucency, the blocks of lee being remarkably clear, so clear in fact that people walking around inside could be seen from the passing railroad trains. The building is nearly square, with a frontage of about 30 feet. It is 35 feet high, and one of the two towers is topped with a mag.

Superintendent John's Bell, ex-Chief of the Secret Service, was proud of it, and said it was the first building erected with artificially frozen ice. Hundreds of Newarkers visited it, and thousands of passengers on the Pennsylvania Railroad caught a glimpse of it. the works built it. Colored electric lights were

Botler Explosion in Kansas.

NEWPORT. Ark., Dec. 25 .- At an early hour this morning a terrifle boiler explosion occurred at the Kelley & Wells lumber mills, on Black River, forty miles from here. Only two men were in the saw mill and six on the lower deck of the steamer. The others were at breakfast. The engineer, Wiley Sloan, and John Angues, the superintendent, were stand-John Angues, the superintendent, were standing in front of the boiler, which was carrying about 98 pounds of steam, when the explosion took place. Angues was blown against a lumber heap, breaking his limbs and tearing away a portion of his skull. No traces of the body of Sloan, the engineer, can be found. A large section of the bodier was shot through the iron roof, then through the Texas deck of the steamer Golden Gate, anchored near by, and then across the river. 100 yards wide.

The dead are John Angues, superintendent, and Wiley Sloan, engineer. Wounded and not expected to live Maud West, frightfully scalded. William Durgens, both legs broken in several places and budly scalded. Four others were injured, but not dangerously.

New Mexico's Many Denth Mysteries, SANTE FÉ, Dec. 25.-Mysteries multiply in Colfax county, this Territory. Two Mexicans were found dend a week ago near Van Bremer lakes. Their throats were cut, and beside them lay their rifles. They had not been robbed, for money was found in the pockets of each. Then came the mystery of Julio Martinez, who was called to his door at night and shot down. Another mystery is the disappearance of J. P. Jones, a respected old man living on Vermijo Creek. Still another is the death of Mrs. Stockbridge, near Raton, who had been buried seventeen days before any of the relativos except her son, lober Stockbridge, was well of the Association of the Stockbridge and the Stockbridge John Stockbridge, knew of it. An examination revealed the fact that she had been beaten and strangled to death. Her son was held in default of \$5,000 ball. He has been sent to iail, and at his preliminary hearing said he had been trying to get the evil spirits out of his mother and all his chastisements were done for her good.

A Private Watchman Murdered.

NORPOLE, Va., Dec. 25 .- Early this morning I. E. Brady, a fireman employed by the Cotton Compress Association, applied to C. J. Colcuts a private watchman on the wharf, to arrest a private watchman on the wharf, to arrest a man in the street who had been offensive to him. Colentr refused, saying he had no authority to arrest the man. Brady then left, but returned just as Colentr was eating his dinner, which had been brought him by his wife and two little grandchildren, and in their presence pulled a revolver and shot Colentration the head, killing him instantly, that the police prevented the crowd from lynching him.

A Banke Story From Connecticut. MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 25 .- The Connec icut snake has tarried late this year, especial ly in the Connecticut River valley. The quar ries near this city and at Cromwell are full of placksnakes and rattlers. A day or two ago a gang of men in the Cromwell quarries had to remove a cart full of earth from one part of the diggings to another. The man who first dig into the pile dropped his shovel instantly, and a bolder man came up and counted thrity-eight striped snakes in the shovel. They were tied in a round ball.

Gen. Colitus's Reilrement from Politics. Boston, Dec. 25.-The retirement of Gen. P. Collins from the Democratic State Centra Committee has necessitated the election of a ommittee has necessitated the election of a new Chairman, and a meeting for that purpose will be held on Saturday. The Hon. John W. Corcoran, who was the Democratic homines for Lieutenant-Governor in the recent election, is slated as Gon. Collins's successor. Mr. Jo-lah Oniney is booked to successor. Mayorelect Matthews as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Wool Growers Aroused Over Wolves. SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 25.-The wool growers of Southwest Texas have suffered severe losses Southwest Texas have sunored severe losses during the past year from welves and other wild beasts, and to protect their interests the Wool Growers Association of Texas will use every effort to have a new tounty law passed by the next Legislature so as to make it an object for hunters to go in search of well scaling and other heasts of prey. A committee is now engaged in compiling statistics and other information about the matter.

Firebugs in Cohasset.

Conasser, Mass., Dec. 25.-A fire bug kept the department on the jump from 2 o'clock this morning until daybreak, but fortunately only a small building was burned, the loss being about \$2,000. Five distinct fires were set in different parts of the town, and for a while there was aimost a rank. A vigilance committee has been appointed to ad the town constables in guarding the town.

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The Commission in New Mexico May Bave Solved a Mining Mystery.

ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 25.-The Government Commission from the Interior Department to investigate the recently discovered ancient smelter excites great interest among miners and prospectors here. About two years ago C. M. Wilson discovered an old smelter which had been fired, and he secured some of the slag, but it was so different to the ordinary slag that no attention was paid to it, especially as the ere in the vicinity in which it was discovered was refractory. Yesterday the Commission visited Mr. Wilson. He owns the old Montezuma mine, near this city, where one of these section sections of these section sections. It was not more than five in the condition in which it was left by its bullifors. It was not more than five feet high and three feet square, but was earranged internally that heat could be evenly distributed to every part by a system of pipes, an accurate diagram of which has been made, at it is apparent that by a process believed to be on the eve of disclosure the refractory metals were made to furnish the flux, after which they were discharged in tumes.

The furnace was found to have been looted to some extent, having been reached by a tunnel. The principal part of the cre had been extracted, but the mechanism of the smeller was intact. The Commission will not divulge the secret until it makes its official report. discovered was refractory. Yesterday the

Being Paid for Parade Service.

ALBANY, Dec. 25 .- Under section 98 of the Military Code, the regiments, batteries, and separate companies of the National Guard of the State are receiving their shares of the military fund and of the appropriation for parade itary fund and of the appropriation for parade service. The amounts thus far allotted to the New York and Kings county commands are as follows: Twenty-second Regiment, \$4.457.20; Minth, \$3.788.90; Eighth, \$2.745.60; Thirteenth, \$3.948.80; Forty-seventh, \$3.355.20; First hattery, \$1.375.60; Second Battery, \$1.401.80. The apportionment made to the separate companies is as follows: Forty-second Separate Company, Magara county, \$492.90; Thirty-inton, Jefferson county, \$582.40; Forty-flith, Cortland county, \$581; Thirty-third, Delawar, county, \$907.60; Twenty-ninth, Oswego county, \$762; Twenty-sixth, Chemung county, \$980.40; Fourteenth, Ulster county, \$682; Third, Otsego county, \$862; Ninth, Washington county, \$682; Tenth Battalion of Albany county, \$1.692.

A Policeman Saves Three Lives. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- A fire this morning in a men's furnishing store at 355 Pennsylvania avenue caused damage to the stock and building to the extent of \$1,000. The fire was dis overed by followman beeney, who, after he had turned in the alarm, went into the house and bravely rescued a woman and child who were sleeping in one of the rooms above. He then returned to the house and succeeded after some difficulty in rescuing the servant girl, who also occupied one of the rooms. All hards, including the poleenan, were partially overcome by the smoke.

A Collision in Iows.

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa. Dec. 25,-A collision occurred on the Iowa Central last night near Grinnell, between a passenger train and a wrecking train on the Griunell and Montezums branch. One engine leaped squarely on top of the other, and both were hadly wrecked. Six passengers were injured, but not fatally. One of the engineers was seriously hurt internally by jumping. The names of the injured are not obtainable at present. Misunderstanding of orders is the alleged cause of the accident.

One Hundred Years Old on Christmas Bay. HABTFORD, Dec. 25 .- Mrs. Emily Talcott of West Hartford was 100 years old to-day. Bevwest hardord was for years oid to-day. Several relatives and friends were at her home during the day and offered their congratulations. Mrs. Talcott's mind is wonderfully clear and her hearing is good, but her eyesight is falling, and she is rendered almost helpless by the breaking of her hip some time ago.

No Strike on the B. and O.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.-The "Grievance Committee" of employees of the Baltimore and of omployees of the Ealtimore and Ohio Railroad Company passed Christmas Day with resident employees. To-morrow there will be another conference with the officers. Each side speaks of an amicable settlement—no strike and a reasonable increase of pay.



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